

Dated: July 1, 2002

Our Case Packet No.: ERI 306

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

LEE RAMAGE, ALAN B. MACDONALD  
and RORY D. PARKER

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Serial No. : 09/803,227  
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For : FLUID LOADING SYSTEM

Group Art Unit 3644  
Examiner: J. Woodrow Eldred

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Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for filing in the above-identified application:

The fee has been calculated as shown below

Claims as Amended  
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	Claims remaining after amendment		Highest number previously paid for	Present extra	Rate	Additional fee
Total Claims	31	Minus	32	0	9.00	= \$ 00.00
Independent Claims	7	Minus	6	1	\$ 42.00	= \$ 42.00
This additional fee for this amendment						\$ 42.00

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$242.00 is enclosed covering the extension and amendment fees.
- ☒ Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1540.  
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

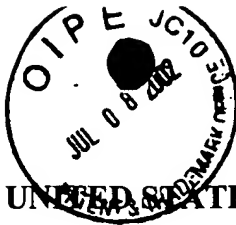


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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the first Office action dated January 29, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

✓ Please cancel claims 13 and 30 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 10, 14, 20, and 29 as follows:

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10. (Amended) A pump system comprising  
an aircraft having an underside,  
a tank onboard the aircraft for containing fluid, and  
a substantially rigid tube member, connected to the aircraft in communication with  
the tank, wherein the tube member is movable to a downward orientation rearward relative to  
the aircraft for accessing a fluid source below the aircraft.

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